

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim Amendments

Withdrawn claims 17-23 have been cancelled, without prejudice.
No new matter has been added to the application.

Rejections of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The rejections of claims 17-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, have been rendered moot in view of the above-discussed claim amendments.

Claim Allowance

The Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's indication of the allowance of claims 7-14.

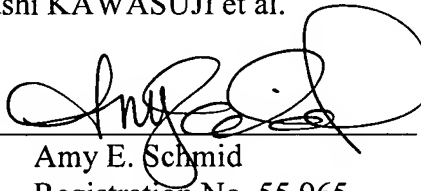
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the grounds of rejection set forth by the Examiner have been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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